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CHARGE FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

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SUBJECT: U.S.-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

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1. DURING HOUR LONG CALL OF YUGO AMB BELOVSKI REPORTED IN REFTEL WE RANGED OVER GAMUT OF THEIR AND OUR CONCERNS REGARDING PROBLEMS RELATED TO OUR CURRENT RELATIONS. I MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT A) USG HAD DEEP CONCERN FOR ITS CITIZENS AND DID NOT REGARD CONTINUED AND INTENSE DISCUSSION OF THOSE CONCERNS AS UNDUE PRESSURE ON GOY; B) AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN HAD DUTIFULLY AND CORRECTLY CONVEYED THOSE CONCERNS IN TOTH CASE AND HIS STATEMENTS AT HIS RELEASE DID NOT LAUNCH "CAMPAIGN" AGAINST GOY BUT EXPRESSED HOPE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS; C) WE REJECTED RESPONSIBILITY OF USG OR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN FOR PRESS "CAMPAIGN" AND DID NOT ACCEPT THAT TIMING OF "CAMPAIGN" RELATED TO COLOMBO MEETING WAS PURPOSEFUL; D) WE CALLED ATTENTION OF GOY AND AMBASSADOR

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BELOVSKI TO DEPARTMENT PRESS STATEMENT OF JULY 31 AS

CAREFUL EXPRESSION OF OUR POLICY AND SUGGESTED THAT FSFA
LIKEWISE CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS TO PUT PUBLIC AIRING OF
DIFFERENCES BEHIND US.

2. WE SHOULD NOW SEEK TO DAMPEN DOWN PUBLIC DEBATE AND
TURN TO TASK OF MOVING FORWARD IN OUR RELATIONS. YOU
AND YOUR OFFICERS NEED NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH
FSFA, WESTERN COLLEAGUES, OR IN DISCUSSION WITH PRESS.
AS YOU WILL SEE FROM FULL REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH
BELOVSKI (SEPTTEL) AND IN LIGHT OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON
JULY 31, WE HAVE PLACED ENTIRE MATTER IN SUITABLE
CONTEXT AND WISH IT NOW TO BE PUT BEHIND US IN THE INTEREST
OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BILATERAL RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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